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POWER
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ELECTRICITY RATES FOR FARMERS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was decided to revise electricity rates, particularly for farmers of Rajasthan, in the meeting of Power Ministers;

(b) whether the Government of Rajasthan has revised the electricity rates; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Chief Minister`s Conference held in 1996 adopted a Common Minimum NationalAction Plan (CMNPP) which envisages inter alia that no sector shall pay less than 50% of the average cost of supply (cost of generation plus transmission and distribution) and the tariffs for agricultural sector will not be less than 50 paise/unit to be brought to 50% of average cost in not more than three years.

The Chief Ministers/Power Ministers Conference held on 3.3.2001 inter aliaresolved that the past decisions of Chief Ministers of minimum agricultural tariff of 50 paise may be implemented immediately.

(b) & (c) : The Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission after considering allobjections and hearing all parties has in its tariff order dated 24.3.2001 revised the tariff for agriculture supply as follows:-

(i) For metered supply from 70 paise per unit to 90 paise per unit.

(ii) For flat rate supply from Rs. 60/- per HP per month to Rs. 85/- HP per month.